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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

APPLICATION OF

NEW ERA ENERGY, INC.

CASE NO. PUE-2002-00514

For a license to conduct
business as an electric
aggregator

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On September 12, 2002, New Era Energy, Inc. ("New Era" or "the Company"), filed an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a license to provide electric aggregation services. New Era seeks authority to serve residential, commercial, and industrial customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice. The Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of New Era's application for an aggregation license, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that New Era's application should be docketed; that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the request to become licensed as an

aggregator and present its findings in a Staff Report; that this Order should be served upon appropriate persons; and that these persons should have an opportunity to comment on New Era's application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This application shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE-2002-00514.

(2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during the Commission's regular hours of operation, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(3) On or before September 30, 2002, New Era shall serve a copy of this Order on the public utilities set forth in Attachment A.

(4) On or before October 4, 2002, the Company shall file with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118 proof of the notice required in Ordering Paragraph (3) herein.

(5) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing

a request in writing to the Company, c/o Jack Greenhalgh, New Era Energy, Inc., 1340-1272 N. Great Neck Road, #103, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454-2230. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(6) An original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the application shall be filed by any interested party on or before October 14, 2002, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (4). Comments must refer to Case No. PUE-2002-00514. A copy of such comments must also be served on or before October 14, 2002, by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to the Company, c/o Jack Greenhalgh, New Era Energy, Inc., President, at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (5).

(7) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of New Era's application and shall present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before October 16, 2002.

(8) On or before October 21, 2002, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff Report.

(9) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) calendar days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as

by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10, et seq.

(10) This matter shall be continued generally.